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The Honorable Margaret Chase Smith United States Senate Washington, D. C. 29510

My dear Senator Smith:

I have just had a talk with Senator Steams about a matter on which he and I agree that it would be well for you to be informed in the fairly near future. I understand that you are away from your office for a few days and I plan to be out of town myself for several days during the Christmas holidays. It therefore appears that we may not be able to get together until early in the year, but I did want you to know that I would like very much to see you as soon as feasible. Therefore, if I don't hear from you in the meantime, I will try to get in touch with you in early January.

I am sorry to hear that Bill Lewis is in the hospital and wish him a speedy and satisfactory recovery.

With all best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely.

SIGNED

Richard Helms Director

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